

Amendment No. 1 to SB0473

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 473*

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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 62, Chapter 76, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Freedom to Prosper Act."

(b) As used in this section:

(1) "Licensing authority" means an agency, examining board, credentialing board, or other state agency that is authorized to impose licensing requirements on any individual prior to the individual engaging in a vocation, trade, or other discipline for pecuniary gain;

(2) "Licensing requirement" means any training, education, or fee that is required for an individual to engage in a vocation, trade, or other discipline for pecuniary gain, but does not include any fee or registration requirement placed upon a business, such as a business license, beer license, or public utility license; and

(3) "Political subdivision" means any city, town, municipality, county, including any county having a metropolitan form of government, or other legally authorized local governmental entity with jurisdictional boundaries.

(c) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, on and after July 1, 2017, no political subdivision may:

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(1) Impose a licensing requirement on an individual who is subject to licensing requirements by a state licensing authority unless the political subdivision imposed the licensing requirement prior to July 1, 2017; or

(2) Expand or increase any licensing requirement that exists prior to July 1, 2017, on an individual who is subject to licensing requirements by a state licensing authority.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.